sufficiently well. As there is very little more to be done, there is no necessity for deputing a special officer. The officers who are now in charge of the work assure Government that it will be done within the prescribed time and this will be insisted on. Further, there is no good in acquiring the lands a long time beforehand.

257. Supply of a copy of the Gazette free of cost to the Agricultural Improvement Association, South Travancore.

Mr. K. S. Shanmukham Pillai prayed for this.

Reply.—This will be done.

258. Appointment of an Inspector versed in Arabic for the boys' and Girls' Vernacular Schools for Mahomedans at Kottar.

Mr. Shaik Sulaiman Labha of Kottar (*Nominated*) represented that, if the arrangement proposed by him was sanctioned, it would better the condition of these schools.

Reply.—It is neither necessary nor practicable to provide a separate Inspector for the Mahomedan Vernacular boys' and girls' schools at Kottar.

259. Construction of a bridge across the Pazhayar between Kottar and Therur.

Mr. Shaik Sulaiman Labha brought forward this representation.

Reply.—This work is more costly than necessary.

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260. Opening of a Fourth Form in the Eraniel English Middle School.

Mr. Padmanabha Pillai (*Eraniel*) said that this was very necessary.

Reply.—The English School at Thuckalay which contains this class is only 3 miles from Eraniel. There is, besides, a High School at Kottar, which is only 7 miles off. It is also doubtful whether, if the proposed class is opened, there will be a sufficient number of pupils to avail themselves of it.

261. Provision of a Satrom and sinking of wells for the use of pilgrims at Mandakad.

Mr. Padmanabha Pillai represented that Mandakad was a famous place of pilgrimage in South Travancore to which a

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large number of devotees from distant places were attracted in all parts of the year and especially in the month of Kumbhom when a ten days' festival was celebrated there. He said that the absence of a satrom and good wells in the locality was very much felt by the pilgrims.

Reply.—An estimate amounting to Rs. 3,500 for sinking two wells at Mandakad has been sanctioned. No funds are available in the current year. The work will be taken in hand as early as practicable. A satrom has also been sanctioned for the place, though its utility seems doubtful. Further information will be called for.

262. Extension of the site of the Monday Market and the removal of certain inconveniences existing there at present.

Mr. Padmanabha Pillai urged that this market which was one of the most important in South Travancore should be made more spacious, that efficient arrangements should be made for water-supply there for which there was even now some provision, and that the cattle brought there for sale should be ordered to be stalled only in specified localities.

Reply.—Beyond removing certain long-allowed encroachments now under investigation by the Revenue department, Government do not think that any acquisition of land for enlarging the market site is necessary. The other points mentioned will be considered.

263. Shifting the Colachel sub-registrar's office to Karingal.

Mr. Padmanabha Pillai represented that the Colachel sub-registrar had jurisdiction over Midalam, Colachel and Nattalam and that as such Karingal would be a more central place for holding his office.

Reply.—The site proposed by the member is only 6 miles from the Eraniel registration office. Colachel being a sea-port town, the present arrangement cannot be disturbed.

264. Restoration of Manamari tanks in Edanad and provision of feeding cauls.

Mr. M. Bhuthalingam Pillai (Eraniel) observed that Eraniel was the taluk which suffered most from failure of water. Hence, it was necessary to remove the silt from and otherwise restore all the Manamari tanks of Edanad in general and of that taluk in particular. He

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